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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition and uses a local internet provider. I choose a competitive provider because the monopolizing of necessary utilities is harmful not just to lower income folks, but to the American Dream of democracy and free choice. Capitalist structures that invest in hegemonic corporations hurt the free market.

If you cater to AT&T and US Telecom, this will lead to price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services. I urge you to say NO to this petition by AT&T and US Telecom.

Broadband is critical to functioning in the 21st century. Please do not make this service more difficult for folks to access.

Thank you.

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